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NO one, Chinese or foreign, since missions came to China has had more uniform and remarkable influence over schools and colleges than this bright-faced, magnetic, humble, simple servant of the Lord. I send his photograph with a brief sketch, a translation of his report for first six months of 1910; on red paper his mutual prayer card (one of the most original and blessed things he ever wrought); a translation of the same.

This is worth 100 times more than anything I have sent you in my whole twenty-seven years of service. Whitfield and Wesley, you remember, had some doctrinal differences, and a mischief maker asked Whitfield whether they would see Wesley in heaven. "No, I fear not," said Whitfield. "Why?" "Because he will be so near the throne and we so far out in the crowd that we'll not be able to espy him." So will it be with Ding Lee May if he abides in the secret place as is now his practice.—*Letter of the Rev. J. W. Lowrie, D.D., Drum Tower West, Peking, China.*

A life sketch of Rev. Ding Lee May may be secured from the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

A Brief Sketch Accompanying Photograph of Pastor Ding Lee May

Pastor Ding Lee May as a Presbyterian lad was much beloved in his academy and college days at Tengchow, Shantung, China, by the late Mrs. Calvin Mateer, who made him the object of tender and skillful training and predicted for him a useful career. His warm heart and simple, unaffected manner won for him many friends, and his earnest piety induced his classmates to dub him "Pastor Ding" while yet a boy.

He has been a pastor in Shantung for years, but only recently has disclosed the remarkable power testified to by the accompanying report of winning the hearts of audiences somewhat acquainted with Christian truth both in the churches and especially among college and academy boys and girls, and of inducing them to offer themselves gladly to the service of Christ.

The following is a translation of his report to his Chinese Presbytery in Shantung of his labors as evangelist in North China for the first six months of 1910. It is safe to say that it is a record of the persuasive might of the Holy Ghost flowing through and from the life of a Chinese who has yielded himself without reserve for such service as the Master indicates.

Translation of Mutual Prayer Card

Note that the card is printed in duplicate and is numbered on both sides the dotted line, No. 481. The friend to whom he presents the card (they are not given indiscriminately, but only to fellow laborers in prayer) signs his name and, adding the date, severs the card at the dotted lines, reserving one sheet and mailing or presenting the other to Pastor Ding.

TRANSLATION :

Since the Lord has already led you and me to make a covenant of prayer, I have assuredly received abundant favor, and presume that my honored friend has been even more richly blessed. My only fear is that the lapse of time will give birth to negligence and we shall lose this spiritual

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1st Samuel 12 Chap. 23 v.

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James Chap 16 v.
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Please keep one half, mail other to your
friend as fellow servant

請留一張寄回一張

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friend as fellow servant
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help. Hence I earnestly desire to renew this covenant with your good self. If this meets with your heart's response, kindly sign your honored name on the left.

Date

Signature

1st Samuel 12:23.

3d John 13.

Please preserve a sheet and mail a sheet to your friend and fellow servant of the Lord.

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Report of Pastor and Evangelist, Ding Lee May, to His Presbytery, Shantung, China, 1910, $\frac{24}{5}$

Respectfully submitted for the honored notice of my fellow workers of one mind in the Lord:

On the sixth day of the first moon, with the peace and protection of the Lord, your younger brother set out from home to preach the Word. During the ensuing five months I have visited twelve churches in Liao Yang, Moukden, Chin Chou, Hai Cheng, Tieh Ling, Paotingfu, Peking, Tung Chou and Tientsin, and twenty-three boys' and girls' schools; at each place remaining from four to ten days, holding meetings a total of eighty-seven days, preaching from two to three and four times a day, aggregating more than 200 addresses.

With many thanks for the Lord's secret guidance and care, the comfort and health of my body and spirit have been complete, so that, although for a few days, owing to a slight overtax of strength, I was obliged to suspend preaching, there has been no hindrance to the work as a whole. Hence, in every place there have been the Lord's beautiful and abundant results, of which I will now mention one or two in the assurance that you all will rejoice to hear.

1. More than 1,000 subscribed their names as desiring to study the Lord's truth. 2. More than 400 young men and women declared their purpose of devoting their whole life to preaching the gospel, and many more made resolutions to be more earnest, to study the word of God, to pray and the like. Nor was this a mere empty making of resolve, but spiritual renewal, complete reformation took place, which all recognized and for which they glorified God.

With his own ear your younger brother heard college presidents, pastors and teachers bear witness that their schools had become little heavens, because of the spirit of love that had manifested itself there.

Hallelujah, we can but ascribe eternal glory to the Saviour most high. Amen.

Furthermore, one most joyful result of our meetings, and worthy of the heartiest thanksgiving to God, was the inauguration, at the Y. M. C. A. summer conference at Tung Chou, of the Chinese Students' Volunteer Band. Your younger brother has on a separate paper described this new movement in detail.

He is profoundly of the opinion that the extraordinary mercies received of the Lord during the past half year should fill us all with joy surpassing all our hopes. There have been whole nights when I could hardly sleep for joy. Thanks be to God, hallelujah!

Expressly am I thankful for the faithfulness with which you brethren have daily interceded for me, and beseech you to continue to pray for me in the coming sphere of labor.

Your younger brother has already arranged with the general committee of the Y. M. C. A. to journey in the immediate future among the churches, the Association gladly offering to provide traveling expenses and the support of myself and family. From the first of July I am to spend more than a year visiting the Christian colleges of several provinces, founding Volunteer Bands in their midst.

This is a work of momentous significance. I beg you all to pray for me daily, and believe that God will surely bow His ear to the cry of his people and send down great grace upon the whole nation, delivering the 400 million of our brothers out of darkness into the enjoyment of life everlasting. Amen.

May God keep us in peace until we meet face to face. Please read Philippians, 1st chapter, 20th verse, and 3d John, 13th verse.

With the regards of the Lord's servant.

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